

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A method operative in a distributed computing environment having clients and a plurality of servers located across geographically dispersed boundaries, comprising:

receiving, at a server, a first request from a client, wherein the first request is a request to invoke a remote procedure call at the server;

receiving, at the server, a second request from the client, wherein the second request comprises an internationalization context for processing the first request, wherein the internationalization context specifies geographically specific parameters set for the client;

extracting the internationalization context from the second request;

processing the first request at the server using the internationalization context;

attaching the internationalization context to the first request; and

propagating the first request with the attached internationalization context from the server to an application associated with an application interface on a second server.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein processing the first request comprises providing the first request and internationalization context to an application to perform calculations using the internationalization context and return a result formatted according to the internationalization context.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising sending the internationalization context from the server to at least one of the plurality of servers in the distributed computing environment.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the internationalization context contains a country identifier.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the internationalization context contains a language identifier.

15. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the internationalization context contains a time zone identifier.

16. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the internationalization context contains at least a locale specification and a time zone identifier.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the locale specification comprises at least one of a country identifier, a language identifier and a currency identifier.

18. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising processing the first request according to a country identifier of the server if the internationalization context does not contain a country identifier.

19. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising processing the first request according to a universal time zone identifier if the internationalization context does not contain a time zone identifier of the client.

20. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising processing the first request according to a time zone identifier of the server if the internationalization context does not contain a time zone identifier.

21-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage signal-bearing medium, comprising a program which, when executed by a processor of a server configured with a default locale setting and a default time zone setting, performs a method, comprising:
parsing a first request from a client computer;

parsing a second request from the client computer, wherein the second request comprises an internationalization context containing a user specified locale specification and a time zone identifier;

extracting the client's internationalization context from the second request;

processing the first request at the server using the internationalization context;

generating a main body of a second request to invoke a second remote procedure call;

attaching the internationalization context to the main body; and

propagating the second request with the attached internationalization context from the server to an application associated with an application interface on a second server.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal bearing medium of claim 33, wherein processing the first request comprises providing the first request and the internationalization context to an application configured to perform calculations using the internationalization context.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal bearing medium of claim 33, further comprising sending the internationalization context from the server to at least one of the plurality of servers in the distributed computing environment.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal bearing medium of claim 33, wherein the internationalization context contains a country identifier.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal bearing medium of claim 33, wherein the internationalization context contains a language identifier.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal-bearing medium of claim 33, wherein the internationalization context contains a time zone identifier.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal-bearing medium of claim 33, wherein the internationalization context contains at least a locale specification and a time zone identifier.

40. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal-bearing medium of claim 39, wherein the locale specification comprises at least one of a country identifier, a language identifier and a currency identifier.

41. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal-bearing medium of claim 33, further comprising processing the first request according to a country identifier of the server if the internationalization context does not contain a country identifier.

42. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage signal-bearing medium of claim 33, further comprising processing the first request according to a time zone identifier provided by the server if the time zone identifier of the internationalization context is set to null.

43-44. (Canceled)

45. (Currently Amended) A method for transparently propagating internationalization context information, comprising:

receiving, at a first computer, a first request from a second computer, the first request including an internationalization context, wherein the internationalization context specifies geographically specific parameters set for the client computer;

extracting the internationalization context from the first request;

associating the internationalization context with a thread executing a second request, from the second computer, to invoke a remote procedure call at the first computer;

generating a main body of a second request to invoke a second remote procedure call call;
attaching the internationalization context to the second request; and
propagating the second request with the attached internationalization context from the server to an application associated with an application interface on a second server.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the internationalization context contains at least a locale specification and a time zone identifier.

47. (Original) The method of claim 45, further comprising sending a first main body of the first request to the thread.

48-49. (Canceled)

50. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the thread comprises a legacy application thread.

51. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the internationalization component comprises culture sensitive information.

52-53. (Canceled)